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The Environmental Commissioner
Ministry of Environment and Tourism
Private Bag 13346
Windhoek

21 January 2022

Attention: Mr. Damian Nchindo

Dear Sir,

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC) APPLICATION (APP:00157) -
HERITAGE CONSENT FOR EPL 6440, ERONGO REGION.**

1. Gecko Gold Mining applied for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) on the 22nd of February 2020 (App-00157) for exploration activities on EPL 6440 in the Erongo Region.
2. During the review process, the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) requested for a heritage consent from the National Heritage Council of Namibia for this project.
3. The consent was issued on the 13th of September 2021 and dully submitted to the DEA as well as uploaded on the DEA online portal. However, the consent had minor errors that NHC had to rectify.
4. We hereby submit the rectified consent letter for your consideration.
5. **Annexure A** provides the rectified consent from NHC.
6. **Annexure B** provides the consent with errors that was previously submitted.
7. Should your office require any further information. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,


Oliver Krappmann
Consultant

Acknowledge receipt

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____





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CONSENT

(Section 55(9) of the National Heritage Act, 2004 (Act No. 27 of 2004))

Consent is hereby given to:

Consent No: 56/2021

Date issued: 12/09/2021

Name of applicant: Gecko Gold Mining (Pty) Ltd

(Title and full name of the applicant)

Address of applicant: Gecko Gold Mining, P.O. Box 81307, Windhoek, Namibia

(Address of the applicant and of the applying institution (if applicable))

For:

Archaeological survey and assessment for mineral exploration of EPL 6440 located on the farms Kanona West 84/REM, Kanona Ost 81, Erongo Ost 82 and Kamonbonde West 80 in the Erongo Region.

(Type of activity applied for)

Of: EPL 6440 exploration priority area generally considered to be of low archaeological sensitivity

(Description of heritage resources)

Council Members: Mr. Moses Moses (Acting Chairperson), Ms. Heike Mocke (Vice-Chairperson), Ms. Sanet Steenkamp (Executive Director), Mrs. Elizabeth Brown (Treasurer), Mr. Herbert Karapo, Dr. Kennedy Kariseb

From: located on the farms Kanona West 84/REM, Kanona Ost 81, Erongo Ost 82 and Kamonbonde West 80 in the Erongo Region

(Description of the site, location as in the application)

In accordance with:

_____ Archaeological survey and assessment for mineral exploration of EPL 6440 located on the farms Kanona West 84/REM, Kanona Ost 81, Erongo Ost 82 and Kamonbonde West 80 in the Erongo Region.

September 21

(Specify relevant documentation and permit application date)

The following conditions apply to this Consent:

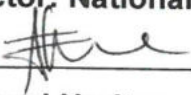
- a. that the activity authorized by the consent be supervised by a person with appropriate professional qualifications or experience in the identification and conservation of heritage resources.
- b. that Namibian citizens, especially members of the local community in and around the project area, be engaged in the activity authorized by the consent for the purpose of identification of heritage resources in the project area as well as of receiving professional training.
- c. That the consent holder reports back to the National Heritage Council every six (6) months on compliance with the conditions of this consent.
- d. This consent does not exempt the holder from any conditions that may be imposed by owners, hosts or any other relevant authorities in consultation with NHC who have a stake in the project area.
- e. NHC shall not be liable for any losses, damages or injuries to persons or properties as a result of any activities related to this consent.
- f. This consent is subject to the provisions of the National Heritage Act (Act 27 of 2004). Should any of the conditions contained herein conflict with the Act; the provisions of the Act as per section 55 (10) shall prevail.

- g. This consent is renewable, upon submission of an application at least two months before the current consent lapses.
- h. A desktop research may be sufficient for EPL's, however NHC reserve the right to request for detailed Scoping including field survey should need arise that areas are to be sampled as well as for all mining claims.
- i. once significant findings of minerals are found, a full field survey should be conducted as per the proposed specialist report
- j. For sites of low significance, application by the proponent to NHC must be made to either relocate or destroy heritage resources.
- k. documentation of the rock art area and its protection on proponents costs i.c.w. NHC.
- l. no mining should take place around the rock arts sites. A buffer Zone (according to the NHC guidelines should be established around the work paintings.
- m. Investigation of possible rock engraving. This engraving and its associated archaeology should be documented in detail and rescued to allow mining to continue.

(List any conditions that the Council may see fit to impose in terms of section 55(9) of the Act.)

This permit will be valid from: 11 September 2021 to 11 September 2022

Director: National Heritage Council



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